

IN THE CLAIMS:

24. (Amended) Chondrocytes provided with an additional nucleic acid encoding at least one amino acid sequence that inhibits cartilage disease progression and/or at least one amino acid sequence that counteracts the loss of cartilage, said additional nucleic acid being provided by a gene delivery vehicle comprising a recombinant adenovirus having a tropism for chondrocytes.

Please cancel claims 12-23 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.